



The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

Date(s): January 19, 2016

§3.1(c)(1)(i) – Housing facilities, general.

Be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization, or that affects the structural strength of the surface.

§3.1(c)(3) – Housing facilities, general. (DIRECT)

Hard surfaces with which the dogs or cats come in contact must be spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with Sec. 3.11(b) of this subpart to prevent accumulation of excreta and reduce disease hazards. 3.11 (b)(3) states, "Hard surfaces of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles must be sanitized using one of the following methods:

- (i) Live steam under pressure;
- (ii) Washing with hot water (at least 180 [deg]F (82.2 [deg]C)) and soap or detergent, as with a mechanical cage washer; or
- (iii) Washing all soiled surfaces with appropriate detergent solutions and disinfectants, or by using a combination detergent/disinfectant product that accomplishes the same purpose, with a thorough cleaning of the surfaces to remove organic material, so as to remove all organic material and mineral buildup, and to provide sanitization followed by a clean water rinse."

Date(s): February 4, 2016

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The above is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Please know that you are responsible for ensuring that your facility, animals, and property are in compliance with the Animal Welfare regulations. Inspection reports can be found on APHIS' website at:

<https://acissearch.aphis.usda.gov/LPASearch/faces/Warning.jspx>.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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